

August 1, 2018

Commissioner Brendan Carr  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment (WT Docket No. 17-79)

Dear Commissioner Carr,

Thank you for your work on seeking to streamline wireless infrastructure rules so that states like Iowa can be on the path to experiencing the benefits of fifth-generation networks. In today's world, connectivity is key. 5G technologies will bring major change that's capable of making Iowa a better place for all.

As a young community member and a candidate for the Iowa Senate, I care deeply about the future of our state. I want to ensure that Iowans have the tools and opportunities they need to achieve their goals and successfully compete in the global digital economy.

For communities large and small, smart infrastructure policies are essential to the timely arrival of next-generation advancements that will not only transform how fast videos download wirelessly, but also entire sectors – like farming and healthcare. Farmers, for instance, will be able to use next-generation technologies to monitor soil moisture levels, field mapping, and crop scouting to improve their yields. Meanwhile, telehealth will change the way Iowans gain access to the doctors they need regardless of their location.

Earlier this year, you were instrumental in advancing an order to streamline infrastructure regulations on the federal level. That marked great progress, and as you've acknowledged, there's still more work to do. I look forward to seeing more activity from the FCC that will clear existing red tape and make it easier to deploy 5G infrastructure like small cells state-to-state and city-to-city. Without strong, national leadership, the process will inevitably hit roadblocks that send a ripple effect that translates into delays. That would be an unfortunate outcome for communities that are priming themselves to be 5G ready.

In order for Iowa and the rest of the country to successfully compete in the global digital economy, we need to get 5G infrastructure policy right at every level of government, but especially at the national level. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Regards,

Patrick Wrontiewicz

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